

(c) if so, the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Details of the funds provided to Andhra Pradesh for forest development during the last five years under the centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests are given below:

Rs. in lakhs

Financial year	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Funds provided	427.78	384.88	516.85	733.28	913.72

For achieving the goal of 33% green cover in the country, as envisaged in the National Forest Policy 1988, substantially higher allocations to the forestry sector are required. The need for ensuring higher allocations to this sector under the State Plan Schemes has been emphasised from time to time to the State Governments, including Andhra Pradesh. Eliciting external assistance for implementing forestry projects in various States is also a continuing endeavour of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Sanction of such proposals is dependent upon the policies of the external-aid agencies in this regard from time to time.

Funds for Environment and Forestry Sector

3873. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only one percent of the total plan outlays of the State Governments and Central Government is allocated to the Environment and Forestry sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with actual utilisation, State-wise, during last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase allocation and better utilisation of funds?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) The allocation for the States, Union Territories and Union Government for the Environment and Forestry Sector During the last three years constitutes about four percent of the total Plan Outlay.

(b) The details of approved outlay for Environment and Forests during the last three years and State-wise is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) State Governments have been advised to ensure proper and full utilisation of plan outlays.

Statement

State-wise approved outlay for Environment and Forestry

(Rs. in lakhs)

States	Approved Outlay		ent & Forestry
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Andhra Pradesh	6481.00	9600.00	11058.00
Arunachal Pradesh	1728.00	11084.00	1663.00
Assam	2068.00	3353.00	3353.00
Bihar	2015.00	2000.00	1200.00
Goa	221.00	220.00	240.00
Gujarat	15040.00	17400.00	20000.00
Haryana	3526.00	5004.00	4030.00
Himachal Pradesh	5550.00	8033.00	8711.00
Jammu and Kashmir	4027.00	5616.00	4860.00
Karnataka	1412.00	9475.00	13435.00
Kerala	2700.00	4400.00	6900.00
Madhya Pradesh	12974.00	12107.00	14289.00
Maharashtra	10008.00	8591.00	13168.00
Manipur	535.00	450.00	460.00
Meghalaya	750.00	800.00	800.00
Mizoram	620.00	882.00	520.00
Nagaland	522.00	364.00	364.00

States	Approved Outlay Environment & Forestry		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Orissa	2030.00	2356.00	2977.00
Punjab	806.00	5383.00	6866.00
Rajasthan	9421.00	11868.00	16435.00
Sikkim	425.00	485.00	550.00
Tamil Nadu	9487.00	12528.00	12118.00
Tripura	446.00	398.00	341.00
Uttar Pradesh	10840.00	13040.00	13201.00
West Bengal	3595.00	4511.00	4409.00
UNION TERRITORIES			
A&N Islands	800.00	972.00	1100.00
Chandigarh	80.00	210.75	331.00
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	259.75	229.10	211.00
Daman & Diu	37.00	38.00	24.00
Delhi	302.00	500.00	1000.00
Lakshadweep	0.00	36.00	23.00
Pondicherry	108.00	108.00	108.00

Sale of Forest Land in Maharashtra

3874. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that forestland was sold by Forest Department Personnel, by making fraudulent documents, in Panvel-Neral taluka of Raigad District in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, what measures Government have adopted in protecting this land from such frauds;